

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 21 to read as follows:

In Figure 7, an alternate embodiment of the pallet of the invention is shown. A square pallet 700 includes support member 702 and 704. The support members 702 and 704 are connected with cross members 706 and 708 by a pair of generally parallel flanges extending from each end of cross members 706 and 708 that overlap the upper and lower surfaces of the ends of support members 702 and 704, respectively. Cross members 706 and 708 are attached at the ends of support members 702 and 704. The flanges are affixed to support members 702 and 704 by adhesives or inductive welding as known in the art, and rigidly secure cross members 706 and 708 to support members 702 and 704, thereby creating an integral structure for support of the appliance. Cross members 706 and 708 and support members 702 and 704 may have alternate cross-sections such as those shown in Figures 5A-5D. Bolt holes 712 are shown in support members 702 and 704 and can be used to attach square pallet 700 to an appliance with retaining bolts. Also, appliance feet holes 710 may be located in support members 702 and 704 and cross members 706 and 708 to accommodate feet found on the appliance.